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This Christmas, a whopping 10 million turkeys will be sold in the UK, weighing a massive 55,000 tonnes – that's the same weight as 620,000 Santas! Add to this the mountains of roast potatoes, brussel sprouts and stuffing we will try to consume and imagine the amount of left-overs produced on Christmas Day alone!

Here at Milton Keynes Council we love your food leftovers as we turn them into compost – but we can only do this if you put them in the green bin. Food scraps going into black sacks will undoubtedly attract wildlife who will rip open the bags and litter our streets with rotting food leaving behind an unsightly and unhygienic mess.

Rotting food can smell whether it's in the silver caddy or in the black sack, but by putting it in the caddy and the green bin, any smells are contained. Line your caddy with newspaper or a paper liner to help reduce odour and you can wash it in the dishwasher! Foxes, cats and birds cannot get inside a green bin, making this the most hygienic way to store food waste. Over a third of us think we waste more food at Christmas than at other times of the year – the Love Food Hate Waste website **(www.lovefoodhatewaste.com)** can help you make sure all your festive treats get eaten with lots of ideas for using up Christmas food. Their top tips are:

- Keeping an eye on your food waste is important all year round to save money and help the environment – don't let your good habits slip at Christmas!
- Make the most of your freezer! There are so many things you can simply pop in the freezer for another time, instead of throwing them away
- Plan your perfect Christmas using the Love Food Hate Waste advent calendar – some simple planning will mean you have just the right amount of food for the festive period

A massive eight million Christmas trees will be bought this year in the UK, most of which will be thrown away generating over 160,000 tonnes of additional rubbish, that's 16 times the weight of the Eiffel Tower! Here in Milton Keynes we will collect your real Christmas tree – just put it out with your green bin but please make sure all the decorations have been removed!

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Tasty treats: Rebecca Savage, *left*, and Maggie Osgathorp from Miltohn Keynes Food Bank with the mounds of chocolate

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For more on this story turn to page 7

'We could be in top five cities'

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MILTON Keynes could be one of the five biggest cities in the country within the next five years, according to the head of a group promoting the city.

The arrival of the IMAX cinema, driverless pods, the Rugby World Cup in 2015 and national companies like Network Rail basing their headquarters in the city mean the sky's the limit, according to Steven Gordon-Wilson, CEO of tourism and information provider Destination MK.

The latest statistics from independent research organisation Centre for Cities show the population in Milton Keynes grew by 1.6 per cent between 2001 and 2011, which was the joint highest in the country alongside Peterborough.

It also forecasts Milton Keynes to be the 16th biggest city in the UK by 2031.

Mr Gordon-Wilson said: "The only surprise is that we are not further up the list.

"I would be shocked if we're not in the top five in five years time because we are growing at such a rate."

He added Milton Keynes is planning to bid for the 2023 International Capital of Culture, which would help accelerate growth even further.

Milton Keynes councillor for economic development and enterprise, David Hopkins, believes the city's transport network is one of the reasons for its growth.

He said: "The infrastructure and grid roads have proven very successful, while our location means we have great transport links."

Milton Keynes Mayor Brian White said the way the city has been planned has also contributed to its success.

He said: "Many cities grow without the planning and infrastructure but we have planned meticulously."

Paul Griffiths, chief executive of the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce, said attracting new companies to the city was integral to its continued growth.

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Cool opening for ice rink

ICE skating enthusiasts turned out to run rings around Milton Keynes Mayor Brian White when he officially opened the city's new rink on Monday.

Cllr White was joined by former Milton Keynes mayor Fred Smith, who drew up an agreement 20 years ago to always keep an ice rink in the city.

Mr Smith said: "I felt it was something to keep the youngsters off the street and knew that many people in the area were fond of it."

The rink inside the Food Hall in Midsummer Boulevard will remain open until the old ice rink in South Row is rebuilt.

Cllr White added: "It's an excellent rink and shows typical MK problemsolving thanks to a lot of people coming together."

See more ice rink stories: www.mkweb.co.uk

Having an ice time: *From left*, MKIce director Andy Gadeke, thecentre:mk director James Waugh, Mayor of Milton Keynes Brian White and Fred Smith

Car fraudster fined more than £5,000

A CITY man that turned back the mileage clock on a BMW car has been fined more than £5,000 and ordered to do 200 hours community service.

John Kincaid, 46, from Bletchley, pleaded guilty to two offences in breach of Consumer Protection Regulations Act 2008 at Milton Keynes Magistrates Court on Tuesday last week.

The court was told how in February 2012, Kincaid altered the odometer of a BMW by nearly 30,000 miles to make it appear better value.

He then advertised the car on eBay and failed to state that the odometer had been altered, which is a criminal offence.

The judge also ordered Kincaid to pay the victim of the fraud £900 in compensation and awarded full costs of £4,111 to Milton Keynes Council.

Karen Ford, head of the council's regulatory unit, said: "Consumers must be very cautious when buying a car as this is unfortunately not an uncommon crime.

"By changing the odometer in this way, traders push the price of the car up to make more money but this also puts the risk up for consumers who end up buying them, as they are likely to be facing costly repair bills.

"If you are looking to buy a second hand car, trading standards recommend that you approach one of its approved traders for advice."

Man loses drug jail term appeal

BY COURT REPORTER

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A MAN jailed for transporting chemicals for use in diluting massive quantities of cocaine has failed to convince top judges his jail term should be cut.

Clifford Ronald Erejuwa Hall, of Bletchley, was part of a group who moved 125kg of legal chemical benzocaine – causing 'untold harm to society'.

Hall, 32, of Whaddon Way, was convicted of assisting in the supply of class A drugs and was sentenced to seven years in prison at Preston Crown Court in November 2012.

On Monday senior judges at London's Appeal Court rejected sentence challenges by Hall and three other men, saying their terms were thoroughly deserved for helping to make 'huge criminal profits for someone'.

Mr Justice Holroyde said the men were among those who handled dozens of deliveries in Lancashire and Derbyshire of benzocaine, which often makes up more than 90 per cent of street-ready cocaine, from China between October, 2010 and March, 2011.

Hall, who owned a legitimate health supplement and 'legal high' business, imported several 25kg barrels for the gang and knew it would be used for 'bulking-out or cutting' cocaine, the judge added.

During a search of Hall's home in March 2011, police found some of the adulterant, as well as small quantities of class C drug, MBZP, class B drug, MEC, and some diazepam tablets.

He was subsequently convicted of possessing a class B and a class C drug with intent to supply and simple possession of a class C drug, the court was told.

Peter Rouch QC, for Hall, said he had been unwittingly 'recruited' into the organisation, that he had no influence on the rest of the supply chain and there was no evidence he knew the extent of what was going on.

But Mr Justice Holroyde, who rejected all four men's complaints, said: "They were sentenced for providing assistance when they believed that offences would be committed of a kind which cause untold harm to individuals and society and would realise huge criminal profits for someone."

Mr Justice Holroyde had previously dismissed a bid by Hall to overturn his conviction, ruling the guilty verdict against him was safe.

Children cook up a storm

PUPILS have been making muffins in a project to help them put what they have learnt in the classroom into practice.

The session at Holne Chase Primary School, in Bletchley, featured 12 children aged between nine and 11.

The class was part of John Lewis' Bringing Skills to Life programme, which enhances and extends the support many of its shops provide schools. Pupils are welcomed to its haberdashery departments, community rooms and reading corners for workshops, demonstrations and master classes.

Anne Dodds, community coordinator for John Lewis in Milton Keynes, said: "The making of muffins went beyond flour and eggs – this was a very practical hands on task which included other academic tasks, for example maths, as they had to measure out the ingredients, and English."

The feedback was positive from children, as well as teacher Annie McMillan.

She said: "This was such a rich and valuable experience for the children and they learnt so much."

Muffin makers: Children from years five and six at Holne Chase Primary School take part in John Lewis' Bringing Skills to Life

Road rage horror caught on CCTV

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A DRIVING instructor has called for more people in the industry to have CCTV cameras installed in their cars after witnessing a road rage attack.

The woman, who does not want to be named, was driving towards a roundabout in Watling Street, Fenny Stratford, with her student when the incident happened.

Her dashcam captured two construction workers leaping out of their vehicle and kicking and punching another motorist's car in a seemingly unprovoked attack.

For a video of the attack log onto our website: **www.mkweb.co.uk**

Two 30-year-old men have since been given fixed penalty notices for the public disorder offence, which took place on October 22.

The woman, a member of PoliceWitness.com, says it is not the first time somebody has been aggressive while she has been teaching a student.

She said: "I use the camera as protection against other road users abusing me, which happens a lot towards us."

Matt Stockdale, chairman of PoliceWitness.com, added: "It's really important that we encourage learner drivers to be safe and make the right decisions behind the wheel."

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Drink driving figures

DRINK driving arrests have increased by 90 per cent in Milton Keynes so far this month. The figures collected as part of a police campaign compare December 1-8 this year with the same period in 2012 and show an increase from 10 to 19 arrests.

Paul on Panorama

A CITY family forced to live in a bedsit will be featured on BBC's Panorama. Paul Adams and his family, including two young children, are being filmed for the show, due to be broadcast in mid to late January, after MK NEWS reported they have been living in a bedsit for eight months.

Kings of Leon concert at Bowl

KINGS of Leon will be performing at the Milton Keynes Bowl in the summer.

The promoters have announced the gig will take place on June 22 and believe 2014 will shape into a 'vintage' year for the iconic venue.

Bill Glass, operations director for Gaming International, which is one of the promoters, said: "This is a classic Bowl concert in every way – a great rock band at the top of their powers at an iconic venue and we are really looking forward to it."

Tickets go on sale at 9am on Friday at www.livenation.co.uk or www.ticketmaster.co.uk

Fewer families in B&Bs

THE number of families living in bed and breakfasts has fallen by 33 per cent since the end of March, according to the latest figures by Milton Keynes Council.

This follows housing charity Shelter's research in November that found more than 90 children could be in B&Bs this Christmas. However, Cllr Edith Bald, cabinet member for housing, said there is still room for improvement.

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Housing help needed

MILTON Keynes Council is always going on about private renting (*'It's too cramped for Christmas in bedsit', MK NEWS, November 27*).

Does it know how much these people charge for these houses?

They are not a permanent place to call your own, the landlords can increase the rent at a moments notice, evict you when they want to sell the house and don't carry out repairs.

There are so many people who cannot afford to buy and it's these people the council has a duty to care for.

I hope Ed Miliband's comments will not wind up with failed promises (*'Ed: Council has lot to answer for', MK NEWS, December 4*).

My father was a Labour supporter all his life and Milton Keynes Council is a national disgrace. It should look after our young people by offering help and support, not cast them to one side and let them get on with it.

Mr Miliband my father would turn in his grave if you failed to help.

Collin Adams
Sent via email

Where are the homes?

ED MILIBAND is right to have a go at Milton Keynes Council over housing.

I would like to know where the new council houses Andrew Geary mentioned have been built and why there are no bungalows for me and other elderly people to downsize to. It's one thing to moan about people having spare rooms and charging them bedroom tax, but where are all the smaller properties for us to downsize to?

Grace Quinn
Kersey, Stantonbury

Driving on with work

IT HAS been announced by Milton Keynes Council that the following roads will be resurfaced in West Bletchley, which is a good news for the residents:

- Buckingham Road, West Bletchley, from its junction with the H8 Standing Way to its junction with Cottingham Grove.
- Sussex Road, Bletchley, the whole length.
- Dorchester Avenue, Bletchley.
- Warwick Road, Bletchley, from its junction with Whaddon Way to its junction with Dove Gate.
- Newport Road, Bletchley, from its junction with St Marys Avenue to its junction with the Railway Bridge (West of Beechcroft Road).

Arun Nathan
West Bletchley parish councillor

First class celebration

STANTONBURY Campus opened its doors to students in September 1974 and to celebrate its 40 years there will be a reunion of staff and students who were there in the early years.

Your readers who attended at that time may recall Day 10, Peel House, All Change and many other innovative ideas.

For further information call Mike Leonard on 01604 843874, or email rosenmike@btopenworld or kate.hickman@virgin.net.

Mike Leonard
Head of house and sixth form, 1974-1984
Barnfield Close, Northampton

Thanks for helping me

I WOULD like to express my thanks to the complete strangers who came to the help of this bewildered octogenarian at the Xpress last Friday.

Having spent 10 minutes trying to find somewhere to park my car, I couldn't remember where I'd left it.

Seeing my predicament, a car stopped and the occupants offered to find it for me.

They drove around for five minutes before finding it, miles away from where I was searching.

Who says we are no longer a caring people?

Kenneth Newton
Bletchley

Against cutting groups

FURTHER to your article 'Cutting groups divides opinion' (*MK NEWS, November 27*), I do not agree with the axing of the three committees of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council and the setting up of the new group General Purposes and Urgency Committee (GPUC).

The main conclusion I can draw for combining these committees into one – to be chaired by Councillor Tony Mabbott – is to enable him to have the main say and jurisdiction over every decision made by Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council.

I, for one, do not wish any one councillor to be given the opportunity of having the 'final word' on many important issues relating to my local council – it sounds very much like totalitarianism.

I fear for the future of Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council should this be allowed to happen.

While writing, may I congratulate the council in question on its highly successful Christmas Festival last Sunday.

Name and address supplied

Welcoming academy

I WONDER if Kevin Wilson has done his homework properly (*'Academy may attract 'too many black kids'', MK NEWS, November 27*).

At least he does pay tribute to how well the black African pupils have done, no doubt based on hard statistics.

However, he seems to have missed an important point, one which may seem just a detail to him but which is far from such to the parents of these children.

While I cannot go along with one image used of a Christian school – misapplied, in my view – the provision of a school where the Christian faith is not just one option among many but which dominates its ethos is to be welcomed.

Yes, there will be places for pupils of all faiths and none. Even if they do not become Christian believers, kids from non-Christian homes will be benefitted. As for those of a Christian background, they will find their faith strengthened, and they will be trained to carry its principles into their lives. But in the final analysis, the last word rests with the parents.

So, as a practising Christian myself, I wish Sherry Gladwin and others all the best in their project.

Barry Gowland
Penryn Avenue, Fishermead

Jon Brett's City Life

His column written exclusively for MK NEWS

TRAVELLING back to the 60s is easier than you think.

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I recently enjoyed a three-day city break to Liverpool. The first night was spent in the world famous Cavern Club, watching Them Beatles, a top Beatles tribute act, who took us back in time to the Fab Four's heyday.

Beatlemania: Jon Brett with Them Beatles

The following day we embarked on a Magical Mystery Tour, visiting all the historic Beatle sights, including the childhood homes of John, Paul, George and Ringo and also Penny Lane and Strawberry Field. A look around The Beatle Story at the Grade I-listed Albert Dock redevelopment is also a must for fans.

A ferry across the Mersey is the best way to view the city's superb architecture, or, if you're brave enough, from the roof of the bell tower at the giant Anglican Cathedral.

Liverpool is a superb city to visit for a short break; compact enough to explore on foot, with endless shopping and eating out choices, plus non-stop live music and entertainment. Visit www.virgintrains.com and www.visitliverpool.com for more details.

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Losing out at Christmas: Business owners Ken Tomkins and John Hunter are upset over roadworks

Driven round the bend by A5 work

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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HUGE disruption is being caused to motorists and businesses due to ongoing roadworks on a main route into the city.

Roadworks have been carried out on the A5 roundabout near Little Brickhill since August and were due to be finished at the start of December.

However, delays mean the work is now expected to end at the start of February. And on Saturday the A416, which joins the A5 roundabout from Newton Leys, was closed.

In July this year the area's biggest McDonalds opened next to the roundabout in Galley Lane.

Restaurant owner Ken Tomkins said: "There was a 70 per cent drop in trade on Saturday. The roadworks are causing a huge disruption for everyone – shoppers coming into Milton Keynes, commuters and my workers."

John Hunter, from Hunters Farm Shop in nearby Watling Street, added: "The loses on a daily basis will have added up to tens of thousands of pounds over the Christmas period. I wouldn't have made some of the orders if I had realised the impact the roadworks would have on trade."

Milton Keynes Council is currently in discussions over whether work can take place from 9pm to 5am during the weekends leading up to Christmas to reduce disruption.

The roundabout is being renovated by Balfour Beatty, Milton Keynes Council and Taylor Wimpey to improve traffic access to the Newton Leys area.

A Taylor Wimpey spokesman said: "This A5 improvement work is a £3million project which will ease traffic flow on this roundabout. We continue to endeavour to keep any disruption caused to a minimum."

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A&E waiting times

Milton Keynes Hospital has played down BBC research showing only 88.1 per cent of patients were seen in A&E in under four hours. The national target is 95 per cent and the hospital has pointed out its figure is 95.2 per cent when the urgent care unit is included.

Mandela tributes

A CONDOLENCE book has been set up following the death of Nelson Mandela by MK Equality Council in Silbury Court West. People across MK have been paying their respects to the former South African president. Visit www.mkweb.co.uk for more details.

Volunteers needed

VOLUNTEERS are needed for a scheme which could see Woburn Sands Library open on a Wednesday afternoon. Call 01908 585368.

In a spin over work to revamp windmill

A MAJOR project to renovate Bradwell Windmill is continuing after the sails were removed from the historic building.

The refurbishment follows a two-year trial period of events and activities held at the windmill and a grand reopening is due to take place in summer 2014.

Work still needs to be done to the mill cap and the exterior of the windmill to restore the building to its former glory.

Once in full working order the day to day management of the mill will be carried out by Milton Keynes Museum.

Bus pervert's jail term cut

A MIDDLE-AGED man who was jailed and banned from buses after sexually assaulting the same teenage passenger three times has had his prison sentence slashed on appeal.

Shanmugam Sathiyarajah, 48, of Vauxhall, Bradville, sidled up to the same 17-year-old schoolgirl and touched her inappropriately.

In August, he was jailed for two-and-a-half years at Aylesbury Crown Court for three sexual assaults and breaching a suspended sentence. But on Thursday his sentence was slashed to one year and ten months at London's Court of Appeal.

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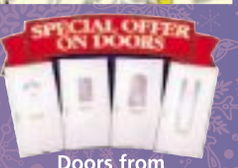

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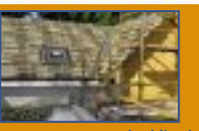
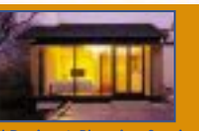

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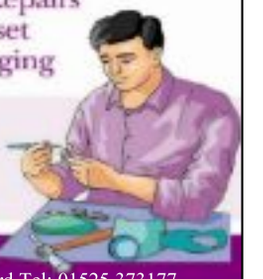

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Spreading festive cheer: MK Dons players and staff with some of their selection boxes

Chocolate treat for MK's hungry

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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OUR kindhearted readers have helped more than 300 families this Christmas after throwing their support behind our Selection Box Appeal.

MK NEWS and MKWeb have been asking residents to donate a chocolate selection box to our appeal in support of Milton Keynes Food Bank.

And this week we can reveal that thanks to your generosity 321 families struggling to buy food and Christmas presents will receive a chocolaty treat.

As well readers dropping off boxes at our offices in Fox Milne and the MK Community Foundation in CMK, groups and businesses across the city have also donated items to the appeal.

They have included MK Dons, Iceland and Matalan – and even deputy leader of the Labour party, Harriet Harman, sent in a donation.

The food bank will now distribute the boxes in each of its parcels from today until Christmas.

John Marshall, project manager of the food bank, said: "It was a tremendous sense of goodwill from the community and we never cease to be amazed by people's support.

"MK NEWS and MKWeb's appeal has really touched a chord with many people in the city.

"Around Christmas time we want people to feel special and this has lifted all the volunteers' spirits and caused a few tears because we will now be able to put the boxes in each bag."

Above left: More than two trolleys full of selection boxes were handed in by readers who supported our appeal

Left: *From left*: Hayley Humphreys, Nyla O'Connor-Russell, Joy Hardman and Alex Lowit from MK Community Foundation surrounded by sweets and chocolate donated by residents

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Digging in: An A-Level student works at Bletchley Park

Evidence of war hut is unearthed

THE first ever foundations of a former Second World War hut have been unearthed at Bletchley Park.

The brick and concrete layout was discovered when the car park was dug up as part of an £8million restoration project at the park.

This week A-Level history students from Milton Keynes College have been helping to slowly uncover the outlines of the former buildings.

Plan to complete homes rejected

BY JAMES AVERILL
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PLANS to finish an environmentally-friendly housing development have been thrown out by councillors.

Developer Taylor Wimpey had proposed to build 26 new houses to complete the Oxley Woods development.

But the development control committee of Milton Keynes Council rejected the scheme, saying it failed to provide enough section 106 contributions for local amenities at its meeting on Thursday.

It was a welcome move for local residents who, while in favour of the development of the site, have previously complained that the Taylor Wimpley proposals were not of 'high enough quality'.

They have also argued that the original design – a concept they had 'bought into' – should be implemented throughout the rest of the development.

They claimed the new designs 'trashed' the innovative architecture used on the existing houses.

Taylor Wimpey had seen a previous application quashed for design reasons in December 2011.

Resident Chris Littlecott said at the meeting: "We are here as proactive supporters of redevelopment and we all want to see the neighbouring sites developed.

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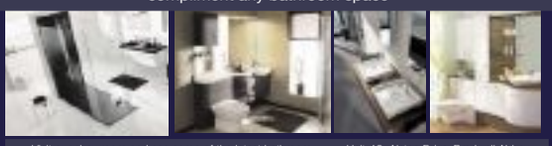

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New skatepark is on the cards

BY SCOTT KIRK
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ORGANISERS of a planned skatepark have assured residents they won't have to worry about youngsters making too much noise.

There are plans to build the skatepark, or 'multi-wheeled activity centre', on a football and cricket field next to MK Snap in Walnut Tree next year, in a project that will cost between £110,000 and £125,000.

Problems have arisen at skateparks in other areas of the city like Broughton Gate, which was issued with a noise abatement notice, and Lichfield Down in Walnut Tree where a halfpipe had to be removed because of noise and other antisocial behaviour.

But Walton Community Council aims to learn from these lessons by building a much quieter facility.

The design of the ramps will be honeycombed rather than solid or hollow, which will help absorb noise into the structure.

Wheely good idea: Walton Community councillor Ian Boulden at the site where a new skatepark is being planned in the city

And the park will be more than 100 metres away from the nearest residents.

"We want to learn from the lessons of the past," said Walton Community councillor Ian Boulden, who has championed the cause.

"It is much better for these young people to have a properly built place rather than them haring down the road."

The funding for the project has come through a Section 106 grant – a pot of money set aside by developers for community and social amenities.

A footpath to the skatepark will also be built as part of the project.

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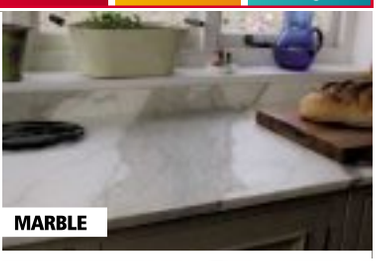
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Councillor walks out in row on tax

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A COUNCILLOR walked out of a meeting after disagreeing with a colleague over the precept their parish council should charge residents.

Cllr Paul East took exception to a comment by Cllr Mario Toto that 'life wasn't fair' when Walton Community Council members were discussing how much the precept should be raised by.

"I need to leave before I say something I'm going to regret," said Cllr East before he walked out of the meeting.

"This is an unreasonable increase in the precept."

The council needs to raise £45,000 to help with three projects it is trying to run next year, but it was giving £25,000 of this money to a project officer that Cllr East was firmly against.

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Lighting the way: Brooklands Farm Primary School held a lantern festival to celebrate the completion of its expansion. Pictured, *from left*, are pupils Mohammed Behany, Owen Fisher, Keisha Benninson, Lilly Zinzan and Dominic Thelwell with the Mayor of Milton Keynes Brian White

Top class expansion

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A PRIMARY school has been expanded in a bid to keep up with the increasing population in one area of the city.

Brooklands Farm Primary School, which currently has 430 pupils, will now be able to teach up to 630 children thanks to four new general teaching areas and an extended nursery and reception classroom.

The expansion will help cater for 2,500 more homes due to be built at the Brooklands housing development in the next 15 years.

Construction company Morgan Sindall has also expanded the school's car park to provide 30 additional spaces and landscaped its surrounding grounds.

To mark the end of the work, the school hosted a lantern festival for pupils, parents and the Morgan Sindall team.

Bob Ensch, Morgan Sindall's area director, said: "We are delighted to be celebrating the completion of works at Brooklands Farm Primary School.

"The expansion features state-of-the-art facilities and will be wholly beneficial to the community."

He added there was 'minimal disruption' to the school during the work.

Headteacher Maxine Low said: "Our school has now grown to meet the needs of our community.

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More independent living for residents

BY SCOTT KIRK
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ADULTS with learning difficulties have gained greater independence after a care home was turned into a supported living service.

The aim of the change by the Fremantle Trust is to give residents at the home in Conniburrow Boulevard a greater say in what they do with their own lives.

It means they will help in day-to-day tasks, such as cleaning and cooking, rather than care workers doing everything for them.

The people living at the house moved in between 2000 and 2012. The change is the result of Milton Keynes Council giving them the option to move to more independent living, but still with the security of having people to support them.

The tenants are excited about the change, which took place last week, as it gives them more freedom.

Carol Deasey, 50, who lives at the supported living house, said: "The poor old staff have had to do everything themselves before and now we are doing things ourselves. It's about being independent."

Supported living: *Front from left*, Carol Deasy, Jon Prescott and Matthew Feegan with, *back from left*, David Scowen, Mark Russon

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Lorraine McGinley, manager of the Milton Keynes Supported Living Service, took over the home in March.

She launched a development training programme for residents and staff to prepare them for the change.

"We had a variety of meetings, consultations and assessments and with the support of both staff and their families, people have been developing the skills which will enable and empower them to live their lives more independently," she said.

"The programme was designed to help build confidence, develop accomplishments and foster greater independence."

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New underpass for school kids

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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Best foot forward: Mark Lancaster is joined by Cllr John Bint, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for transport, and representatives from Crest Nicholson and Oakgrove School

A NEW underpass means children are no longer forced to cross a busy road to get to school.

Previously, students at Oakgrove School had to cross Brickhill Street – dodging cars travelling at 60mph in the process.

But the new underpass, part of Crest Nicholson's Oakgrove Village housing development, looks to have ended the potential threat of an accident.

Robin Green, the school's senior deputy headteacher, said: "We were quite lucky that we didn't have any accidents.

"It is a very busy road and not the kind of road that you would want an adult crossing, let alone children.

"The planning policy of Milton Keynes was always to keep pedestrians away from the main roads, so I am glad that the underpass will connect the school to Oakgrove and the community, which is very important, as is the health and safety of students."

The new underpass was officially opened on Thursday by Milton Keynes North MP Mark Lancaster.

He said: "I've never opened an underpass before I have to say. But I have always talked about infrastructure before expansion and seeing this new underpass and what it will do for the school is just a result of commonsense."

Debbie Aplin, managing director of Crest Nicholson Regeneration, added: "We are delighted that the underpass is now officially open.

"Ensuring that our residents and the local community are able to access the site easily, particularly with its Waitrose, GP surgery and optician, is crucial to our long-term strategy for Oakgrove Village to become a thriving community."

THE BENEFIT OF REGULAR PENSION REVIEWS

If you have a pension other than a guaranteed one such as an annuity or a final salary one from which you are already taking an income, how often do you review it?

Well in my experience very few people regularly review their pensions unless they have a financial adviser. In fact many people don't even know who their pensions are with let alone how much they are worth, how they are performing or how much is being deducted in charges. Their apathy towards pensions is truly surprising but also worrying. If you recognise yourself as one of these people don't be surprised. You are in the majority.

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Tony Byrne
Chartered and Certified Financial Planner
Author of Wealth Magic

Well if you are not regularly reviewing your pension then your apathy could cost your financial health dearly in much the same way as my dental health suffered from my apathy.

The benefit of a regular pension review is that you can review the performance of your pension, make changes where required e.g. fund switches, make sure you remain on track regarding your retirement goals, review your income needs, consider switching your pension to a new provider etc.

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the menu at a pub

Worried: Jessica Duncan is not sure where to start with the huge burger and chips challenge

MK NEWS reporter Jessica Duncan tries something unusual as she takes part in a I'm A Celebrity-style challenge

A PUB is holding its very own I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out of Here-style food challenge.

The Weathercock in Woburn Sands is inviting customers to try and complete one, or all, of its three new tasty treats.

You can try and get your jaws around a three pound burger with a pound of chips, or sign a disclaimer form before you try the Psycho Hot Wings Challenge.

But the real culinary challenge is to eat some deep fried bull's testicles, also known in Canada as Rocky Mountain Oysters.

Reporter Jessica Duncan tried to tackle all three, starting with the bull's testicles.

She said: "It was most definitely a case of mind over matter.

"Forget what they are and they actually taste really nice and reminded me of fresh chicken nuggets made from scratch.

"But the wings were too hot and the burger was too big!"

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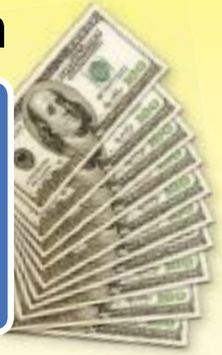

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Different points of view: *From left*, John Bint, Paul Griffiths and Andrew Pakes
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A mixed reaction to autumn statement

BY JAMES AVERILL
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COMMUNITY figures have given their reaction to the Autumn Statement by Chancellor George Osbourne.

The move to scrap tax disks in cars was welcomed by Councillor John Bint, Milton Keynes Council's cabinet member for transport.

He said: "I think this will make it harder for motorists to be subject to fraud because people now cannot just make a pretend tax disc and put it in their windshield."

Paul Griffiths, of Milton Keynes Age UK, gave his reaction to the news people may have to wait until 68 to draw their pension.

He said: "We recognise that raising the state pension age for future ages will be good for the public purse in the longer term, but not for individuals.

"It will be especially tough for people who lose jobs when they are in their 50s or 60s and will find it difficult to get back into the job market."

Labour parliamentary candidate Andrew Pakes felt the statement was a 'missed opportunity' for helping families, adding: "People will still be paying more to travel by train or heat their homes this winter."

But MP Iain Stewart said he was 'particularly pleased' with the decision to only raise train fares in line with inflation.

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BY SCOTT KIRK
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NEW businesses and developers are being urged to take on the big six energy firms by using local power.

With the rapid expansion of Milton Keynes and the increase in energy prices, the case for local electricity generation is gaining momentum, according to Thameswey, which has its own power station in the city.

It currently powers almost 1,000 residential and 30 retail units at The Hub and Vizion developments, which are finding it cheaper to provide heat and light for their buildings.

Work has also been carried out to connect The Pinnacle – Milton Keynes' largest office development for more than 25 years – to its grid, as well as Network Rail's city headquarters.

John Thorp, Thameswey's managing director, sees potential for a big expansion in local energy schemes.

He said: "You can see this local approach taking off in other areas.

Power: The Hub uses energy supplied by Thameswey, which its managing director John Thorp, *inset*, says is more efficient

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"A lot depends on how many developers come to Milton Keynes over the coming years but we have a 25-year business plan in the area."

As the power is generated by the company from its station between Avebury Boulevard and Midsummer Boulevard, customers can be charged five per cent less than they would be by the big six as the electricity and heat has less distance to travel.

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Runner-up: Paul Chapman, Elixsoft Limited, Silbury Boulevard.

Editor's Choice Award for Most Promising Business
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City firms show they are the best in the business

COMPANIES from the city bagged the majority of the silverware at the first Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Buckinghamshire Business Awards.

Eight of the 14 awards – including the Editor's Special Award, presented by MK NEWS and MKWeb editor Cally Jenkins – were scooped by companies in the area during a glittering presentation night at Horwood House in Little Horwood on Thursday.

The Editor's Special Award was given to Most Promising Business Sweetness & Delight Wedding Cakes.

The company, based in Newport Road, Woolstone, provides a bespoke wedding cake service.

David Knowles Leak, regional chairman for the FSB, said: "It's a fantastic thing for a business to be judged the best by an independent person."

A food company tipped by the judges, including Cally, to become a 'household name' was crowned the overall winner of the awards, which celebrated the best of small businesses in the county.

Ugg Foods make a range of gluten, grain and dairy free healthy cakes and bread mixes.

It won a bespoke advertising package worth £10,000 from MK NEWS and MKWeb, which were media partners for the event.

CEO, Dr Kim Lloyd, said: "Winning this award has brought us a step further towards our Ugg Foods mission to change lives one recipe at a time and make easy, healthy choices more available.

"We really do appreciate the incredible amount of help, support and encouragement we've received from the business community as well as friends, family and colleagues.

"Trying to find an advertising budget is always difficult and this prize with MKWeb and MK NEWS could not have come at a better time for us. Being able to advertise aspects like our new bakery will be phenomenal.

"I am so proud of what the Ugg Foods team has achieved this year. We have a lot of work to do in 2014 to reach our goals but working on something we are all so passionate about has been a joy and a privilege. This award has been the perfect end to one of the most amazing years I've ever had.

"I'm loving my role as Ugg Foods CEO and I hope we can share our passion for health and happiness with many more people in the future."

Mr Knowles Leak, added: "Ugg can be rightly proud of its achievement in being the best of the best. We believe it will go on to amazing things."

As well as being the overall winner, Ugg Foods, based in Long Crendon, near Aylesbury, was named Best New Business and runner-up in the Aylesbury Vale Business of the Year category.

It also won £3,750 worth of advertising from Aylesbury-based radio station Mix96.

Simply the best: Ugg Foods was crowned overall winner at the awards

Above: Host Stephen Rhodes
Below: Ugg Foods' Julie Houghton

Rising to the challenge: Helen Whelan from Sweetness & Delight, *centre*, receives her award form MK NEWS and MKWeb editor Cally Jenkins and awards host Stephen Rhodes

Sweet success brings delight

THE owner of a wedding cake business was 'shocked' and 'excited' to receive the Editor's Special Award.

Sweetness and Delight was chosen by MK NEWS and MKWeb editor Cally Jenkins as the Most Promising Business because of the creative ideas by Helen Whelan, who runs the company from her home in Woolstone.

She has found a niche in the market for cakes for gay marriages.

Many of the designs are the same but often have a rainbow coloured sponge.

She has also launched Cake Mystique – which allows couples on a budget to get a more expensive cake.

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After receiving the award she said: "I was in absolute shock.

"I had been in the running for two other awards but didn't get them and when this award was announced, which I didn't know about, I was so excited to have won.

"It was such a bonus, which made me so happy, and my partner was very proud.

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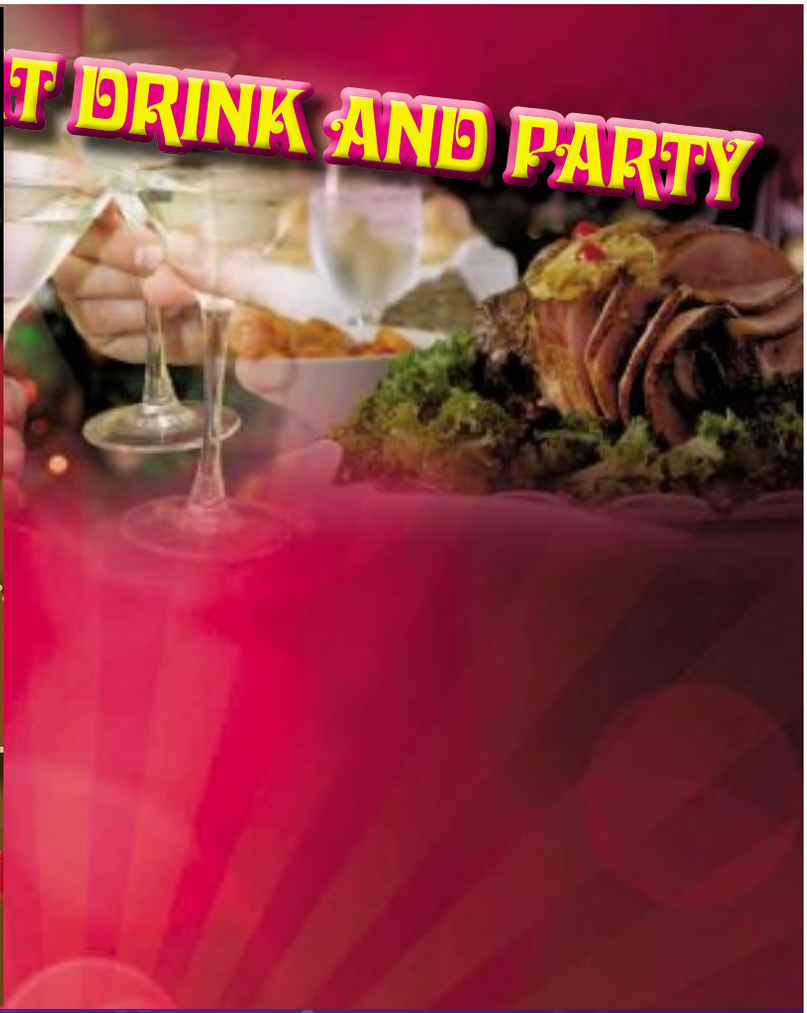

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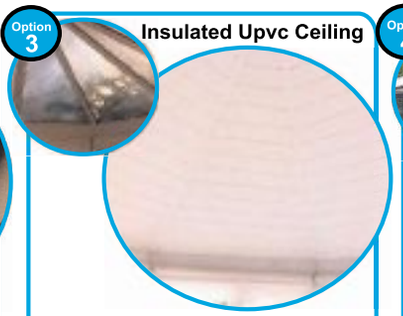

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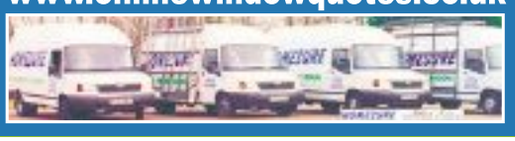

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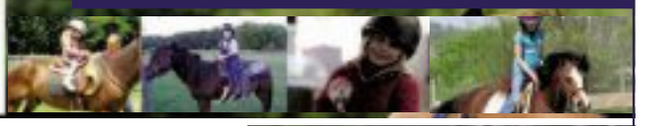

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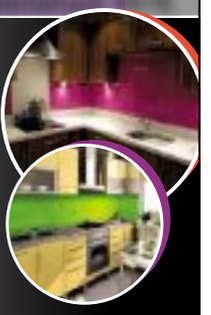

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From the team behind last year's production of The Secret Garden, Proteus will once again be bringing its fusion of music, physical theatre, circus and puppetry to create an anarchic, magical and mad-as-a-hatter version of Lewis Carroll's classic tales Alice in Wonderland and Alice Through The Looking Glass.

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frozenreview

DISNEY has toyed with the idea of adapting Hans Christian Anderson's Snow Queen for years and it has finally arrived in its 53rd animated outing, Frozen.

Princess Elsa has a secret: she can control ice and snow. Isolated from the world Elsa becomes repressed as she struggles to control her magic. After her parents are killed at sea a chain of events lead to Elsa fleeing to an ice palace in the mountains as a permanent winter grips her home town Arendelle. It's up to her younger sister Anna to venture into the icy wilderness to find her sister and end the winter.

Directors Jennifer Lee and Chris Buck balance plenty of action and well timed songs with a few laughs added for good measure.

The icy settings are visually stunning with likeable characters that are charmingly funny.

Frozen still harks back to Disney traditions but with a modern day twist in the form of our feisty princesses, who add a refreshing take on a classic tale.

They break the convention that princesses need a prince to do the rescuing and succeeds where Pixar's Brave failed, with a strong and likeable female lead who is far from your typical Disney princess.

There's plenty to keep kids and adults entertained, which is a breath of fresh air compared to previous animations from this year. Whatever your age you're bound to warm up to Frozen.

Rachael West

★★★★★

WHILE you're tending to your Christmas tree, the lawn outside may well get forgotten. James Frost gives MK LIFE readers some tips on how to give your garden some TLC in December

IF THE weather stays mild for this month (five degrees centigrade and above), your lawn will actually continue to grow.

So make sure you give it a trim, but when frosty keep off the lawn as this will damage the grass.

By all means continue your harvesting – leeks, parsnips, winter cabbage and some of those famous Christmas sprouts! Rhubarb can also now be forced ready for those delicious sweet pink stems in spring.

In the ornamental garden it is time to prune acer (maples) and betula (birch) before Christmas to ensure they do not bleed sap from their stems when they are cut, however avoid pruning evergreen and tender shrubs until the spring.

Many houseplants are bought at this time of year as presents. Poinsettias must be kept in a warm light room away from draughts. Cut down watering on most indoor plants – apart from azaleas as they like watering and a cool room.

And remember, if your Christmas cacti is not getting flower buds it may be getting too much artificial light after dark.

realripper

THE latest programme on my Sky Plus list that I'm working my way through is BBC One's Ripper Street, writes *Scott Kirk*.

There's always a worry that a series can lose its way as the ideas dry up, but the second instalment of Ripper Street has started off very well.

That's why I'm gutted that there will be no more episodes when this series finishes.

The show is based on 1890s London that is still coping with the aftermath of mass murderer Jack the Ripper.

My favourite part of the programme is the language used by all the characters.

"Muzzle your tongue!" came the shout from main character Edmund Reid, played fantastically by Matthew MacFadyen, during the third episode.

I've always been a fan of using language creatively but I also love how slick and well-written the show is.

Jerome Flynn (yes, as is Robson and Jerome) plays Reid's sidekick and your heart goes out to him as he looks to find true love in his life.

I would urge everybody to watch Ripper Street before it goes off the airwaves forever.

christmastruck

THE much-loved and recognised Coca-Cola Christmas truck will be visiting the city this festive season.

It will roll into thecentre:mk with a group of Christmas helpers on Friday, December 20 at 1pm.

The helpers will be serving chilled drinks to the sound of seasonal music until 9pm.

It will be part of a nationwide tour to celebrate the festive season.

A spokesman for Coca Cola said: "Christmas will soon be here and to celebrate the festive season we're sending our iconic Christmas truck on tour, bringing Coca-Cola magic to people up and down the country.

"The star of the legendary Holidays are Coming advert will be touring the nation, making 52 stops along the way and surprising consumers with a selection of festive treats until December 23.

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wonderfullife

MK GALLERY is starting to get into the festive spirit by showing It's A Wonderful Life as its Friday film this week.

The classic film focuses on George Bailey, a man who throughout his life has always acted in the interests of others at the expense of his own career. On the brink of giving up and wishing he had never been born, angel Clarence appears to show him what life would have been like if he had never existed.

Mince pies and mulled wine will be available at this screening at 7pm – and wear your wings...if you've been good!

Individual and family tickets for the film cost £5 and £3 for concessions. To pre-book call 01908 676900.

circusfantasia

A CIRCUS will be coming to the city to entertain all the family this Christmas.

And to celebrate, Circus Fantasia is offering six lucky MK LIFE readers a family ticket in the grand stand for a show of their choice.

The huge entertainment show will be at Dobbies Garden World in Bow Brickhill from Saturday.

Each night the circus tent will be brought to life with performances from award-winning musical clowns, acrobats, fire limbo dancers, hula and aerial hoop specialists and much more.

Suitable for the whole family, the shows this weekend are Saturday at noon, 2pm and 4pm and Sunday at 11am, 1pm and 3pm, with other shows scheduled until Sunday, January 5, 2014.

Tickets for each performance cost £8 per person and can be bought at Dobbies Garden World or by calling 0844 888 9991.

To be in with the chance of winning a family ticket for four people, simply answer the following question:

What is the name of the circus at Dobbies Garden World?

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C: Circus Fantasia

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funnyguy

TOM Webb will be bringing his Mega Games gig to That Time of the Month comedy club.

The show has sold out in Edinburgh for the last two years, so this is a golden opportunity for Milton Keynes audiences to watch him in action.

Human Hungry Hippos, crowd Kerplunk and audience Guess Who will be among the games on Sunday, December 22 at 7pm.

Tickets to the gig, at The Cannon in Newport Pagnell, cost £5.50 and are available at www.ttotm.co.uk

wickedqueen

ACTRESS Jennifer Ellison is not sure how she will react when she is undoubtedly booed in this year's pantomime at Milton Keynes Theatre.

She is playing the Wicked Queen in Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs and hopes her children will not be too scared of her when she emerges onto the stage.

The Liverpudlian actress will be starring alongside Hollywood legend Warwick Davis, who has appeared in epic films like Star Wars, and she told MK LIFE how excited she is to be involved.

"I'm really looking forward to the reaction I'm going to get," said the former Brookside actress.

"I've never been a baddy before and I've never been booed before so I'm really looking forward to it.

"My children might be terrified of me as I'm a baddy, but I've always been the goody so I can't wait to be bad!"

Jennifer is loving being involved in the panto, which runs at the theatre until January 12, saying it is more fun to perform in than a traditional West End show.

"Panto is just a bit more light-hearted and you can have more fun with it," she added.

"You're not too regimented to what you do and my little boys can come and watch!"

"I also really like the costume I get to wear."

Other cast members include Kate Stewart as Snow White, West End actor Shaun Dalton as Prince Charming and Kev Orkian as Muddles.

To book tickets, which cost between £13.90 and £34.90, and to find out show times go to www.atgtickets.com

carolsinging

A NUMBER of carol services will be taking place on Saturday to help you get in the Christmas spirit.

Milton Keynes Council will hold its free Christmas carol service at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone in CMK from 2.30pm. This year's theme is international MK with a carol from each continent to reflect the diversity of the city.

At 8pm the church will also host the Christmas with the Chorale concert.

MK Chorale will be accompanied by Tim Grant-Jones on the organ and MK Brass.

Tickets, including refreshments, are £12 for adults and £2 for children and students.

They are available on 01908 617697, or from the church.

Danesborough Chorus' Christmas concert will be held at St Mary's Church in Woburn.

The group, **pictured below**, will be singing a selection of carols accompanied by John Witchell on piano and organ at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10, or £8 for concessions, including refreshments, from 01525 376760.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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winterwonderland

A REAL Winter Wonderland will be coming to the city this weekend.

From Saturday until December 22, Campbell Park will feature a fairground, ice skating rink, circus, Christmas market, festive food and drink, workshops, traditional crafts and, of course, Santa, his elves and reindeer.

The free event will be open every day from 10am-10pm.

jazztrio

THE David Gordon Trio will be bringing their famous jazz music to The Chrysalis Theatre.

The trio are most recently remembered for their standing ovation after their performance with The London Chamber Orchestra in the capital in April. You can experience their music on Friday from 8pm. Tickets cost £12, or £10 for concessions, and can be bought by calling 0844 8700 887.

christmasshow

DAME Cleo's Wonderful Christmas Show returns to The Stables on Friday.

Join Cleo and friends for an evening of seasonal music with performances from Alec Dankworth, Jacqui Dankworth, a capella vocal ensemble Vive and, of course, Dame Cleo herself from 8pm. Tickets cost between £29.50 and £32 from 01908 280800.

wildlifetalk

WILDLIFE author and photographer Michael Leach returns to RSPB North Bucks to talk about hummingbirds.

On Thursday, he will show visitors pictures of some of the 300 hummingbird species. The meeting takes place at the City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey. Doors open at 7.15pm and tickets cost £3.50.

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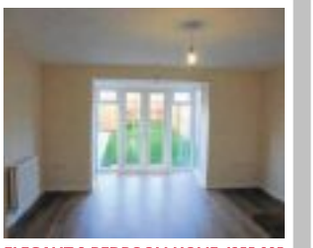

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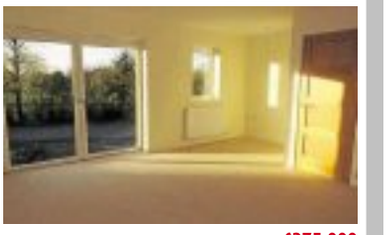

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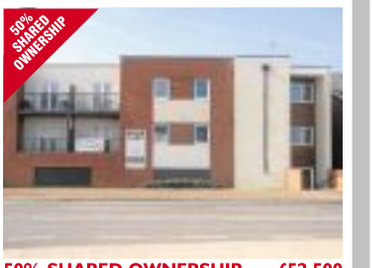

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SECTION 73 — WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/02507/TPO — Tree preservation order consent to shorten laterals towards house by 1 metre to 1x Sycamore (T1); shorten laterals towards house by 0.5 metres to 1x Beech (T2) and fell 1x Horse Chestnut Tree (T3) at 1 The Clock House, Watling Street. Little Brickhill

13/02513/TPO — Tree preservation order consent to maintain Lime trees at current height and to remove dead wood; removal of 1x Horse Chestnut tree (non TPO) and 1x Oak tree (non TPO) at 2A The Arch, West Street, Olney

SECTION 67 — LISTED BUILDING

13/02010/FUL — Construction of three storey block built against north elevation of Auditorium containing Studio space, digital recording facilities and additional office space; single storey extension on South side of original Stables building containing new Studio Theatre/performance space, foyer, public toilets, performer's dressing rooms and extended catering facilities; construction of reinforced "green" parking area for additional 60 cars to be constructed to north of current site, accessed off existing entrance at The Stables Theatre, Stockwell Lane, Wavendon

13/02011/LBC — Listed building consent for the construction of three storey block built against north elevation of Auditorium containing Studio space, digital recording facilities and additional office space; single storey extension on South side of original Stables building containing new Studio Theatre/performance space, foyer, public toilets, performer's dressing rooms and extended catering facilities; construction of reinforced "green" parking area for additional 60 cars to be constructed to north of current site, accessed off existing entrance at The Stables Theatre, Stockwell Lane, Wavendon

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
MAJOR

13/02504/FUL — Construction of a solar energy park to include the installation of solar panels, security fencing, transformer housing and associated access and other associated works at Bulls Head Farm, Eakley Lanes, Stoke Goldington

NICK FENWICK
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR PLANNING AND TRANSPORT

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME
VENTURER GATE (PART), MIDDLETON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes under Section 90A of the Highways Act 1980 to construct traffic calming measures consisting of a speed hump to be placed along Venturer Gate, Middleton, Milton Keynes.

The speed hump will be constructed in black rubber with specially manufacturered stainless steel coach screws, and will consist of a raised table with tapered sides, approximately 5.9 metres wide and approximately 3 metres long.

The location of the speed hump will be as follows:-

- Venturer Gate, from a point approximately 26 metres north-east of its junction with the V10 Brickhill Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 3 metres in a north-easterly direction.

A copy of the scheme plan showing the affected road may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any representations about or objections to the proposal, together with grounds on which they are made should be **sent in writing** to the Interim Head of Legal Services, Legal Services Department, Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes MK9 3EJ **to be received** no later than 10 January 2014 quoting reference BAS-P&E-8344-2271.

Civic Offices — 11 December 2013
1 Saxon Gate East
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Principal Solicitor – Law & Governance

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FEATHERSTONE ROAD (PARTS), WOLVERTON MILL)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make an order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effect in Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes:-

- The introduction of 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on both sides of the carriageway along lengths of Featherstone Road.

Exemptions from the proposed order include emergency service vehicles, military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the proposed order together with maps showing the areas referred to, and a Statement of Reasons for proposing the order may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes MK12 5LY and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 10 January 2014 quoting reference BAS-P&E-8538-2297.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VENTURER GATE, MIDDLETON) (20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above named order under section 84(1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act). The proposed order will affect all classes of vehicle and its effect will be to impose a 20 mph speed limit on that length of Venturer Gate, Middleton, Milton Keynes from its junction with the V10 Brickhill Street, continuing for a distance of approximately 35 metres in a north-easterly direction.

No speed limit imposed by the proposed order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

A copy of the proposed order, Statement of Reasons for proposing the order and a map showing the length of road referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes MK9 3HL at Kingston Library, Kingston Community Centre, 11 Winchester Circle, Kingston, Milton Keynes MK10 0BA and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ. Please quote reference number BAS-P&E-8356-2273.

Any objections to the proposals together with the grounds on which they are made must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned **to be received** no later than 1 January 2014.

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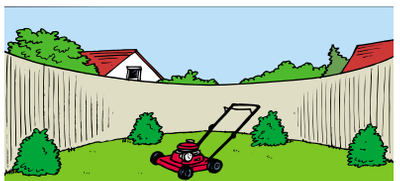

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Any interested party (such as a resident or local business) or responsible authority wishing to make representations either against or in support of the application must do so in writing by the following date:

31st December 2013

To the following address:

LICENSING TEAM
MILTON KEYNES COUNCIL
REGULATORY UNIT, CIVIC OFFICES
1 SAXON GATE EAST, MILTON KEYNES MK9 3EJ
01908 252800 Email: licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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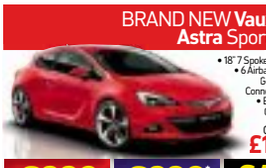

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DONS

Robbo thinks Dover game was bigger than journey to Wolves

BY SCOTT KIRK
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DONS manager Karl Robinson believes that his side's 1-0 FA Cup victory over non-league Dover Athletic on Saturday was a bigger win than any result his team may pick up at Wolves in League One this weekend.

After a run of three consecutive defeats and eight losses out of 11, Robinson felt that victory over Conference South Dover was integral to kick-starting the season.

"When you look on paper arguably you think the Wolves match is the biggest of the season but for me the game last Saturday was one of the biggest," said Robinson.

"There's nothing worse than playing underdogs three leagues below you and we knew we had to put some fight in so that was a massive game to get the monkey off the back and calm the waters before we go into a tough batch of Christmas games.

"It was nice to put the demons to bed. People may say 'oh it's only against Dover' but a win's a win regardless of who you play."

The task couldn't be any more different for Dons when they travel to fallen giants Wolves on Saturday on the back of six straight away defeats, but Robinson is remaining positive.

"It doesn't get much harder than Wolves away but that's the way the industry works – when you go through bad times you end up playing the big teams," he said.

"But we've had a positive week and we've got to move that into the game on Saturday.

"They're a club you don't want to see at this level because of their fans and stadium, but they've just been unfortunate for a couple of years and it shows how quickly clubs can fall."

The game is also a poignant one for chairman Pete Winkelman, who is a boyhood Wolves fan.

WOLVES TEST: Karl Robinson

Robinson said: "Obviously his loyalties are now with us but I know it's always the second result he looks out for.

"It'll be a unique afternoon for him." Dons have been drawn against Wigan Athletic in the FA Cup third round in January, and knocking out the cup holders is an addition Robinson wants to make to his CV.

"Everyone sees the Man Uniteds and Liverpools but there's a real story to this draw because if we win we've knocked the FA Cup holders out," he said. "That would be a phenomenal thing for us to have on our CVs.

"With [new manager] Uwe Rosler in charge they will know more about us with him being at Brentford last season so that makes it a bit more difficult as well."

Shaun Williams was involved in an alleged incident at half time where he kicked the ball into the crowd against Dover, and Robinson said he was due to speak with the centre back yesterday afternoon.

The Irishman picked up an ankle knock in the game which has meant that he hasn't been around the squad much during the last week for Robinson to speak to.

But the Liverpudlian said he received an email from a fan during the week which he said he would respond to personally, and he wanted to resolve any problems as soon as possible.

"I need to ask his side of it because I didn't see it, so it's unfair for me to have a go at him," said Robinson.

"But I'll sit down with Shaun and hopefully we can sort the problem out if there was a problem."

Some sections of Dons fans booed the players off the pitch at half time with the scores locked at 0-0, and Robinson admitted that while booing isn't helpful, fans are entitled to their opinions.

"It's not helpful when they boo but you have to respect that," he said. "It was just frustration I think but they sang and pushed us on in the second half."

Dele Alli and Daniel Powell are touch and go for the Wolves game but the side will welcome back Dale Jennings and Darren Potter.

Williams is expected to overcome his knock for the game, while goalkeeper David Martin should also start.

MK Dons Head of Coaching GARY WADDOCK writes exclusively for MK News every week

IT WAS nice to win again on Saturday against Dover Athletic and get through to the next round of the FA Cup.

Winning is obviously a better habit than losing and a victory is a victory, which is what we got.

It wasn't our best performance by a long way but we have progressed to round three and now we need to build on that.

Wigan Athletic are the team we have been drawn against and obviously they were in the Premier League not long ago.

It will be a big test for us against the FA Cup holders and it's a really good game for us to look forward to.

Wigan are playing a lot of games in the Championship and Europa League this season but I don't think that will matter by the time we play them because Christmas is always a busy time of year and both us and Wigan will have played a lot of games in a short period of time by then.

They have got a bigger squad than ours so I'm sure they will be able to rotate their team around, which will mean that tiredness may not be too much of a factor when we play them in January.

It's Wolves away on Saturday and it doesn't really get much tougher than that.

They are a massive club with a huge fanbase and stadium, as well as having a manager who has done very well in the Championship in the past [Kenny Jackett].

I know some of their backroom staff as well and they're fantastic.

I listened to the World Cup draw on Friday and Italy, Uruguay and Costa Rica is a tough draw for England.

But I think it will take the pressure off them and expectation may not be as high as in previous years, but the draw is a tough one.

There's not one game that really stands out to me at the moment, and it's the actual tournament itself that I am looking forward to watching in the summer.

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JAN 11 SHREWSBURY (H) L1
JAN 18 BRISTOL CITY (A) L1

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Newport Pagnell draw 0-0 despite sending off

TEN-man Newport Pagnell Town held on for a 0-0 draw against fellow relegation-threatened strugglers Boston Town in the United Counties League Premier.

Captain John Thorpe was given his marching orders but Newport survived for a vital point.

Town lost 2-1 at AFC Rushden & Diamonds in the league last Tuesday.

Alex Deakin gave the home side the lead five minutes in with a header from Jake Gillingwater's free kick but the Swans levelled two minutes before the break through Jamie Nicholls.

Just six minutes remained when Russ Dunkley won the contest for Diamonds with a header.

In Division One, Olney once again came unstuck against opponents in the lower reaches of the division, losing 2-1 at Irchester.

An 18th minute Jordan Pendered goal had the Romans ahead at the break, and he doubled Irchester's lead nine minutes after the break.

Olney replied with an Ian Lindop goal a quarter of an hour from time but it was not enough.

Stony Stratford Town succumbed to a 3-2 defeat at home to Chesham United Reserves in Division One of the Spartan South Midlands Football League.

In Division Two a pair of late goals gave Old Bradwell United a 4-2 success at Willen.

Colin Winn gave Willen a first minute lead but it was 1-1 after eight minutes thanks to Dave Jarman. Josh Fagan put Willen ahead again in the 15th minute but Old Bradwell equalised six minutes before half time with a Clarke Abrams goal.

Shaun Ennis put United in front for the first time after 80 minutes and Abrams got his second six minutes later. Elsewhere in the division New Bradwell St Peter and Wolverton Town drew 2-2.

Demarlo Smith and Tomi Jaiyeola put New Bradwell 2-0 up, but Byrne pulled one back and an 84th minute equaliser by Michael Rudniak levelled proceedings.

The Premier League shock of the day was Caz Bar's 3-0 humbling of title contenders Punjab in the New City Heating Milton Keynes Sunday League.

League leaders Scot Wharfside Electrical enjoyed a 4-0 victory over Willen while second placed Stony Stratford defeated New Bradwell 3-2. RJ Fitness were the division's top scorers after demolishing Inter Faith 7-0.

Division One leaders Open University slipped to a 4-1 defeat against Stoke Hammond, while Stanton Manor beat Buckingham United A 8-2. AFC Padbury won 3-2 at MK United with Swanfica beating New City Saints 3-1.

Division Two leaders AFC Santander won 6-4 in a ten goal thriller against Newport Albion.

Bletchley Wanderers surprised second placed Bucks Biz with a 5-2 win, while Stacey Bushes beat Stantonbury Social Elite 6-2 and Southcott B savoured a rare 2-1 victory over IDW.

In the Knock Out Cup Southcott A won 3-1 against Western United.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

1	Leyton Orient	19	6	2	1	18	7	7	2	1	24	10	+25	43
2	Wolves	19	7	2	1	18	5	6	2	1	14	6	+21	43
3	Preston	19	4	5	1	14	10	6	2	1	14	7	+11	37
4	Brentford	19	6	1	2	16	7	5	3	2	13	12	+10	37
5	Peterborough	19	6	1	3	10	8	5	1	3	18	10	+10	35
6	Rotherham	19	3	5	2	15	14	5	2	2	16	9	+8	31
7	Swindon	19	7	1	2	24	13	2	2	5	11	12	+10	30
8	Bradford	19	4	3	2	19	10	3	5	2	13	11	+11	29
9	Port Vale	19	4	2	3	13	13	5	0	5	15	15	0	29
10	Walsall	19	3	2	4	9	12	4	4	2	11	6	+2	27
11	Coventry	19	6	1	3	23	22	4	3	2	18	12	+7	24
12	DONS	18	5	2	3	18	14	1	2	5	10	15	-1	22
13	Shrewsbury	19	4	4	2	12	7	1	3	5	9	15	-1	22
14	Oldham	18	3	3	2	9	7	3	1	6	14	18	-2	22
15	Crawley Town	19	4	3	3	10	11	1	4	4	9	13	-5	22
16	Colchester	19	3	3	3	10	11	1	6	3	11	15	-5	21
17	Gillingham	20	4	2	4	12	12	2	1	7	13	23	-10	21
18	Carlisle	19	3	2	4	11	19	2	4	4	8	13	-13	21
19	Tranmere	19	2	3	4	12	21	3	2	5	11	13	-11	20
20	Sheff Utd	19	3	3	3	11	10	1	2	7	6	17	-10	17
21	Stevenage	19	2	1	6	10	17	3	1	6	9	15	-13	17
22	Crewe	19	3	3	4	10	17	1	1	7	5	23	-25	16
23	Bristol City	19	1	5	4	11	15	1	4	4	15	17	-6	15
24	Notts County	20	4	0	6	14	12	0	2	8	7	22	-13	14

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ICE HOCKEY

Carr's aim of revenge

Carr-ptain: Adam Carr gave Lightning the win on Saturday

MK LIGHTNING captain Adam Carr wants the maximum four points from a tough-looking weekend for his side.

Lightning entertain English Premier League table-toppers Guildford Flames in Coventry before a trip to Sheffield Steeldogs, and MK have failed to beat either side so far this season.

That's why Carr is determined to get two wins out of the weekend.

"I'm looking for us to get two wins and we need four points out of the games," said Carr.

"We definitely owe them for the defeats they've given us this season."

Carr helped round off a spectacular comeback against rivals Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday, as Lightning came back from 4-1 down to draw 4-4, with the skipper eventually being the only player to convert as MK won on penalty shots.

"For penalties like that you just block everything out and concentrate on what you're doing," the skipper said.

"I love penalty shots and I was feeling really confident for it."

Lightning were missing key players for the games, including Great Britain U20 trio Jordan Cownie, Jordan Hedley and Ben Russell, while Lewis Christie and Connor Goode were injured and Ross Bowers was suspended.

Lightning drafted in two Coventry Blaze English National League players, Josh Nicklin and Adz Andrews, and two who've played much of their hockey with MK Thunder, Mark Woolf and Paul Gore.

Stan Lascek got the first for Lightning on Saturday before Peterborough raced into a 4-1 lead.

But Carr began the fightback to make it 4-2, and two goals in a minute from Tom Carlon and Lascek made it 4-4, before Carr settled it with his penalty.

Lightning fell to a 4-1 defeat against title-chasing Manchester Phoenix the following day.

The evergreen Tony Hand put Manchester ahead before Lascek equalised, but that was to be as good as it got for the visitors who went on to lose. Lightning remain fourth in the table.

ROWING

Indoor rowing success

Medals: Lindy Gray (left) and Heidi Towse celebrate their success

TWO rowers from MK Rowing Club were silver and bronze medallists at last weekend's British and Welsh Indoor Rowing Championships at the Sport Wales National Centre in Cardiff.

Lindy Gray, 24 from Leighton Buzzard, competing in the student category, won silver for completing a distance of 2km in a staggering time of seven minutes and 19 seconds.

Heidi Towse, 39, from Woburn, competing in the 35 to 39 age group, won bronze for her time of seven minutes, 23 seconds.

The time knocked five seconds off Gray's last 2k, and one of the women who beat her was Jen House, a QPower elite athlete who has notched up two national and world time records.

Both ladies fought off strong opposition from across the UK and the world and made the city club proud.

Lindy and Heidi have been training together both on and off the water and have spent many hours together on the Concept 2 rowing machines at the Caldecotte Lake based club.

Club captain Tim Grossey said he was impressed with their level of commitment to the training and was very proud of them for showcasing the talents of MK Rowing Club to a national audience.

MK Rowing Club were recently awarded 'Club of the Year' by Sport MK, and were also runners up for the Bucks & MK Sport award for Club of the Year.

There were 167 women that took part from the ages of 11 to 75, while para rowers also competed.

There were entrants from the United States, Jamaica, Canada, Finland and Czech Republic, while Towse also competed against a woman from Spain.

"It was an amazing atmosphere," said Towse.

"It was so good I forgot my plan. "But it was great to see young kids getting involved as well as seeing the para girls.

"The audience could watch the boat times on a big screen and the cheers from the crowd were phenomenal.

"I can't wait to do it again.

"It was 11 or so weeks, and three times a week, of hard but fun training."

RUGBY UNION

Bletchley still at the summit after narrow win

BLETCHLEY remain on top of the Southern Counties North after a narrow 20-19 away victory at Stow-on-the-Wold on Saturday.

The lead changed hands on more than one occasion in the tight contest, with two Stow penalties handing them a 6-0 advantage before a successful kick by Bletchley's Phil Harman brought the score back to 6-3.

On 29 minutes the visitors scored the first try of the game after a fine move which started when Steve Allen released scrum-half Kev Turnbull who had space to run down the right wing. He off-loaded to Kyle Gibbings who skipped down the line and got the better of two defenders before touching down.

Harman added the extras from out wide for a 10-6 lead but two Stow penalties put them back in front 12-10.

Matt Nobes ran in under the posts for Bletchley for a second try and a 17-12 lead after Harman's extras. Stow scored their solitary try just minutes later though which put them 19-17 up after the conversion.

However, Harman kept his cool with a penalty seven minutes from time to settle the contest.

Bletchley's nearest rivals in the league are Aylesbury who beat fourth-placed Milton Keynes 21-12 at Emerson Valley.

A penalty and an unconverted try gave Aylesbury an early 8-0 lead, but City were next on the board thanks to Ashley Targett's try, converted by Phil Powell.

A second Aylesbury penalty, which was moved closer to the posts after complaints by MK players, made it 11-7 at half-time.

Targett crossed again after the break but the score was in between two Aylesbury tries which handed them the win.

There was a win for eighth place Olney in Midlands 2 East South, 21-18 at Dunstablians.

SPORTSSHORTS

HOCKEY

MILTON Keynes Men's 1sts enjoyed a fantastic 4-2 away victory at table topping Spencer in the South Hockey League Premier Division One.

The hosts had previously won all nine of their league games but they were handed their first defeat by MK who struck through Nick Anderson, Andy Dixon, Jamie Dodd and Yannick Podschlapp.

This was only the third victory of the season for Milton Keynes but it was undoubtedly their most impressive as they moved up to ninth in the table.

Meanwhile, the Ladies' 1sts are at the foot of the South Clubs' Division 3A after a 4-0 home defeat to leaders Witney.

The side have won two games this season from their 11 outings so far.

ATHLETICS

HOME advantage did not really pay off for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club at the third Chiltern Cross Country League match in Campbell Park as a third placed finish was recorded.

The club finished just three points behind second placed Chiltern Harriers while Bedford & County continued to dominate the series with an emphatic victory. Bedford lead by 1222 points with just two meetings to go meaning it will take a monumental effort for Milton Keynes to retain their trophy this time around.

There were some fine individual performances by MK athletes with Chad Lambert finishing second in the senior men's race, Lara Bromilow coming home as the third senior woman and Amy Radford finishing fourth in the junior women's event.

It was a good day out for the men with the senior squad finishing second in their category.

BADMINTON

HUSBAND and wife team Chris and Gabby Adcock are in Kuala Lumpur for the BWF World Superseries finals, which begin today.

It will be the first time that the mixed doubles pairing both compete using the surname Adcock after they were married in the summer.

"It will be the first time I'll have Adcock on the back of my shirt," said Gabby before leaving for the Malaysian capital.

"All the paperwork, like passport, visa and entry details, have now been sorted out and we will be playing as Adcock and Adcock."

The pair, who train at the city's National Badminton Centre, are ranked third for the competition after their superb victory at the Yonex Sunrise Hong Kong Open last month.

They defeated China's Olympic and former world champions Zhang Nan and Zhao Yunlei on their way to the title.

"The draw doesn't take place until we are all in Kuala Lumpur but we are guaranteed a mininum of three matches as the line-up is divided into two groups," added Gabby.

KORFBALL

TABLE toppers MK Bucks were victorious over MK Lakers 'M' on Sunday, winning 12-5.

Meanwhile, the Bucks' regional team beat Cambridge Pheonix 23-9 in their first match.

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'Disgusted' Gleeson says big improvement needed

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DONS midfielder Stephen Gleeson reckons the last few weeks have been the toughest in his four years at the club.

The Irishman is also looking forward to seeing the back of 2013 after he was blighted with injuries, and says it has only been in the last two weeks that he has really felt comfortable.

A broken toe put paid to a chunk of last season, and it was only in the summer that he felt he got over it.

A calf injury has been niggling at him this season, but the 25-year-old now feels like he is getting back to his best with Dons 12th in the League One table.

"My first year was low but this is worse because we are a better side now," Gleeson said.

"The team know we're better than where we are but you're not given the right to be in a certain position in the league.

"We just need to get over it. It's a low time for the club but we have good characters here."

Gleeson felt the side's performance in their 1-0 FA Cup win over Dover Athletic was 'terrible' and he expects a big improvement for the League trip to his old club Wolves on Saturday.

"Personally I was disgusted with the performance – I thought we were terrible," he said. "Maybe we just needed the win but I certainly wasn't happy with it and we need to improve massively to get anything out of Wolves on Saturday.

"There's no pressure on us, they're up at the top of the table and everyone's probably expecting us to lose with the run we're on. We've just got to go there with no fear and get back to the way we know we can play. There's low confidence in the squad at the moment so if we can express ourselves hopefully we can get a result.

"If you can't get up for this game on Saturday in an unbelievable stadium then there's something wrong with you.

"If we can get a result hopefully that can kick-start our season."

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Disgusted: Stephen Gleeson wasn't happy with Dons' win against Dover

Gleeson also admits that he needs a goal having not registered so far this campaign.

"I'm getting around the pitch so well this year," he said.

"I'm getting into the box more than ever but I just can't seem to buy a goal at the moment which is frustrating."

A goal would be useful for Gleeson against his former club Wolves, and he says he has fond memories of his time in Wolverhampton.

"The minute the fixtures came out I looked for it straight away and it has come around really quickly," he said.

"I moved to Wolves when I was 15 and left at 21 and it was a great time in my life.

"I always knew I'd play against them one day but I never thought it would be in League One so it's going to be a weird day. It is sad to see the club in League One because I know how good the fans are there but I've no doubt they'll be back in the Premier League.

"During the game that won't matter to me though and it'll be a great game."

When Gleeson left, he had been offered a two-year-deal by Mick McCarthy, but after being sent out on loan five times by the club, three times to Stockport County, once to Hereford United and then again to Dons, he wanted regular football.

"I needed to play football and I had just had a good loan spell here," he said. "I liked the ideas and vision at Dons so once I knew they were interested it was a no-brainer.

"It was the right time to move so there were no hard feelings and it was just pure footballing reasons."

Double points on offer as Formula One announces final race changes

SEBASTIAN Vettel, Daniel Ricciardo and the Tilbrook-based Red Bull Racing will be going for double points in the final race of next season's Formula One calendar at Abu Dhabi on November 23.

Had these rules been in operation in 2012, Fernando Alonso would have beaten Vettel to the world championship.

However, the rules would have made no difference this year, when the German won with four races left, and 2011, when Vettel had the championship wrapped up with five Grand Prix to go.

A cost cap will also be introduced from 2015.

Meanwhile, Red Bull have announced Sébastien Buemi and António Félix da Costa as the team's test and reserve drivers in 2014.

For Buemi, next year is his third in a row in the role.

The Swiss racer first tested in 2008 before graduating to an F1 race seat with Scuderia Toro Rosso in 2009.

In his 55 grand prix with Red Bull's sister team he scored 29 championship points.

Portugeuse driver Félix da Costa already has experience of being a test and reserve driver at the team, having substituted for Buemi at a few races this year.

The racer also has extensive experience of Red Bull Racing F1 machinery having tested for the team at the young drivers' tests at Silverstone this year and in Abu Dhabi in 2012, as well as having conducted a number of show car runs for the team during the past year.

Team Principal Christian Horner said: "Next year sees the biggest change to the Formula One regulations for some time and the return of multiple in-season tests.

"To therefore be able to call on two such capable drivers is of huge benefit to the team."

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Recycle all you can this Christmas

While many people get to put their feet up during the festive season, for our waste collection crews and the staff working at the recycling factory Christmas is the busiest time of year.

The amount of black and pink sacks we collect goes up a staggering 25%, largely due to the packaging and wrapping paper from all those Christmas presents!

Blue boxes are fuller than usual with glass bottles and jars and leftover food and Christmas trees all add to our festive waste mountain. By making sure you are recycling all we can take in our recycling scheme, you can help keep our waste costs down and help our local environment.

Toys often come in large cardboard boxes which may not fit in a pink sack. Please fold these flat so we can collect them as recycling. It is best to take any large unfolded boxes to one of our three Community Recycling Centres for recycling as these may cause the machinery in the collection vehicle to jam so are best avoided.

Here in Milton Keynes we are recycling an amazing 53.5% of our waste thanks to the dedication of many of our residents who make sure they are doing all they can. So much so that sometimes there can be some confusion over what can or cannot be recycled with non-recyclable items ending up in the pink sacks. Here are some common items found in pink sacks which we cannot recycle and should always go in the black sack:

- Kitchen paper
- Padded envelopes
- Bubble wrap
- Cling film and cellophane
- Crisp and biscuit wrappers
- Paper tissues
- Sweet wrappers
- Disposable nappies

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Normal collection day	Revised collection day
CHRISTMAS WEEK	
Monday 23rd December	**No Change**
Tuesday 24th December	**No Change**
Wednesday 25th December	**Friday 27th December**
Thursday 26th December	**Saturday 28th December**
Friday 27th December	**Monday 30th December**

Normal collection day	Revised collection day
SECOND WEEK OF JANUARY	
Monday 6th January	**Tuesday 7th January**
Tuesday 7th January	**Wednesday 8th January**
Wednesday 8th January	**Thursday 9th January**
Thursday 9th January	**Friday 10th January**
Friday 10th January	**Saturday 11th January**

FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY	
Monday 30th December	**Tuesday 31st December**
Tuesday 31st January	**Thursday 2nd January**
Wednesday 1st January	**Friday 3rd January**
Thursday 2nd January	**Saturday 4th January**
Friday 3rd January	**Monday 6th January**

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